Stanford City Council Regular Council Meeting Lincoln County Public Library Meeting Room 6:30pm, July 14th, 2022

I. Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge and Prayer

Mayor Miller called to order the Regular Council Meeting of the Stanford City Council at 6:35pm on Thursday, July 14th, 2022. All recited the pledge to the U.S. Flag after which prayer was led by Councilwoman Sara Givens.

II. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted with the following members present: Eddie Carter, Ronnie Deatherage, Sara Givens, Jason Hignite, and Joe Tackett. Absent was Bill Miracle. A quorum was declared by the Mayor. Also present were: City Attorney John Hackley, Fire Chief Scott Maples, Police Chief Zach Middleton, Germani Crosby, Coach Harris and family members, and citizen Herman Vickers.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Tackett (2nd by Councilman Hignite) to accept the minutes from the June 9th, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting as written. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Citizen's Comments

Herman Vickers asked if there were any updates about the dirt for the Sherwood Drive project. Mayor Miller stated that the contractor is about five jobs behind, but it is scheduled and he will contact Mr. Vickers about when they will begin. Mr. Vickers thanked the City for the replacement paving stones and will wait to put those out until the additional dirt is placed.

Mr. Vickers also asked if the walking trails will be extended eventually up to the Fort. Mayor Miller shared that it is something that is currently being discussed. There are some grant monies available, but the City does not own the property and some easements will have to be acquired. We hope in the future that the trail can be expanded. Additional walking trails are being added at the Fort but are not yet completed.

IV. Council Comments

Councilwoman Givens shared that a citizen asked that a portion of Brock Drive be looked at due to a rise in the road. Mayor Miller will get in contact with the citizen and look to see what can be done and if the area is currently in the city limits.

Councilman Tackett share that he has received a few citizen's concerns about the fireworks. He asked that the councilmembers be emailed the ordinance concerning fireworks so that it can be looked at. Mayor Miller shared that we will also check with other area cities to see what their towns have adopted.

Councilman Deatherage asked if cameras have been installed at the L&N Depot, the Fort and the Welcome Center. Mayor Miller confirmed that they have been.

Councilman Carter asked about the status of the Foster Lane Sidewalk Project. Mayor Miller reported that no bids were received for the project. It will be rebid in Sept or October. Hopefully it will be a springtime project.

Councilwoman Givens shared that she is concerned about the safety of the children playing basketball on Maxwell Street. She asked that Maxwell Street speed be controlled near where the children are playing. Chief Middleton will address this.

V. Recognition of Germani Crosby KHSAA Class 2A Shot Put Champion

Mayor Miller welcomed Germani "G Money" Crosby to the council meeting and congratulated her on her recent KHSAA Class 2A Shot Put Championship.

Ms. Crosby shared with the council that she is in 8th grade and will be an incoming Freshman for the 2022-2023 school year. She stated that this accomplishment has been truly breathtaking for her. She credited her mother for encouraging her to pursue the sport. This year she went to state for both the middle school and the high school after many hours of weightlifting, long practices and harsh drills. She now realizes how much she can truly accomplish if she is willing to work and invest the time.

Mayor Miller presented Germani with a certificate from the City honoring her accomplishment. Coach Harris shared how much he is impressed with her accomplishments to date and how much faith he has in her future.

Germani will be traveling to the Junior Olympics to compete in August of 2022.

VI. Proposed 1st Reading of Ordinance 2021-0610B Amended City of Stanford Budget Ordinance 2021/2022 Fiscal Year

A motion was made by Councilwoman Givens (2nd by Councilman Carter) to entertain the 1st reading of Ordinance 2021-0610B Amended City of Stanford Budget Ordinance 2021/2022 Fiscal Year. All in favor, motion carried. Clerk Allen made the 1st Reading.

VII. Discussion of Proposed MRA Road Projects

Mayor Miller thanked the County and Magistrate Faulkner for the joint venture they have entered into with the City to pave Sherwood and Turkeyfoot under a shared cost agreement. Also discussed was the county putting down the base for the two gravel streets in the City (Grant and Youngs Court) this year and the City will do the top coat next year.

There are some patch work locations that will be addressed this year in Anderson Heights and on Kid's Fort, and Mayor Miller will check with the State garage about patching the transition from Somerset Street to Brock Drive.

The following roads are being looked at for repaving: Cherokee, Valley and John Street, North 2nd Street, Pettus Court, and Maxwell Street. The Maxwell Street repaving will have to wait until the drainage repair has been completed. This will give us a total of 1.109 miles. Councilman Carter asked that an area on Rosemont be looked at. Mayor Miller shared that Rosemont and Darst Street are planned for 2023.

Mayor Miller stated that in the future, due to the concrete curbs and sidewalks, the new streets in the city will have to be milled before they are repaved which will add to the expense. In the future we may not be able to do as much, but will be able to do it correctly. He is also requesting quotes on seam sealer for some of our wider streets, such as Logan Avenue, which should extend the life of the street another three or

four years. We are also looking at putting a seal coat on the fire department, city hall and the police department.

VIII. Request from Chief Middleton

Chief Middleton shared that as time would have it, based on our proposed budgeting schedule, we do not have a vehicle on this year'ss budget due to purchasing two used vehicles last year. Unfortunately, one of those vehicles was totaled. The insurance payout for the totaled vehicle will be \$16,000. Both the Mayor and Chief have been looking for a used vehicle to replace it, but there is not a cost effective option available.

Chief Middleton is asking the council to approve the purchase of a new Durango, utilizing the insurance proceeds and approving the additional funds of approximately \$18,000. Mayor Miller shared that he has priced a new Durango with steel wheels, they are now \$35,971. This is the same vehicle that was purchased last year for \$28,745. Due to being over the \$30,000 approval limit, this will have to be put out for bid. The remaining pool vehicle that is currently being driven is a 2009 model with almost 200,000 miles.

Chief Middleton also addressed the SRO contract for the coming 2022-2023 school year. The school board voted to remain with the current staffing from the 2021-2022 contract. The new house and senate bills mandate that an SRO be present in all schools by August 1st, 2022. The City Attorney is reviewing the contract so that a disclaimer is added stating our department is not responsible for this decision, that it is the schools board's responsibility to secure the proper staffing for all locations. In the meantime, whether the contract is signed or not, our officers will still be there to make sure that the children are protected.

Mayor Miller shared that training and equipment is being put in place to address an active shooter situation, so that we are properly training and equipped to respond not only to Lincoln County but to any of our neighboring counties who may need assistance.

Motion was made by Councilman Hignite (2nd by Councilman Tackett) to approve the bid process and the purchase of a new Durango for the PD utilizing the \$16,000 insurance payout and approving the additional funds. All in favor, motion carried.

Councilwoman Givens also wished to acknowledge Chief Middleton for his appearance on the local news station addressing the new porch pirate law. The theft is now a felony.

IX. Mayor's Information to Council

Mayor Miller shared the following dates and information with the council:

- -Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the 4th of July celebration and program. Every year is growing and plans are already in the works for next year.
- -Parade in September for Patriot Day is being planned for September 10th. This year will start at Stanford Elementary so that the families and the nursing home residents on Danville will be able to participate. If anyone knows any WWII veterans, please let him know.
- -Thank you to the ones who came out for the Chaplain led prayer at the Fort for the day of remembrance marking the 2nd anniversary of Former Mayor Scottie Ernst's passing. He forged a path for this city to move forward that is a path of hard work and dedication that we need to instill in our future generations to come.
- -City Wide Yard Sale July 28th-30th, 2022, the weekend before the US127 Yard Sale
- -Mayor Miller commended Councilman Carter for his recent mission trip to aid the Ukrainian people.

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